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Applicants would also like to bring to the Examiner's attention Benitec v. Nucleonics Civil Action No. 04-CV-0174 (JJF) in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. Certain documents cited herein were first brought to the Applicants' attention in a search of literature related to this action.

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Should the Examiner wish to review any documents in Applicants' possession related to this action, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned and any documents requested will be forwarded.

Documents U.S. Patent 5,578,716, WO 94/01550A1, Barlow et al., Beretta et al., Billy et al., Brand et al., Brummelkamp et al. (*Cancer Cell*, 2:243-247, (2002)), Burke et al., Haggarty et al., Harada et al., Kirchhoff et al., McManus et al. (*RNA*, 8:842-850 (2002)), Thoemis et al., listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in an Opposition of EP 1230375 B1.

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An English translation of non-English document, Zakharyan et al., is attached to the document. U.S. Patent 5,798,265 is being submitted as an English language equivalent of non-English document, EP 0 560 156 A2. An English abstract of non-English publications WO 92/19732 A1, WO 95/18223 A1, and WO 98/05770 A2, may be found on the cover page of the publication. An English abstract of non-English publications JP 09-110894 A and JP 09-227413 may be found attached to the publication.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/038,984, filed January 4, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/493,301, filed January 28, 2000 (Abandoned). In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of documents previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with Applicants' prior application(s) listed above, are not included herewith.

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